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Members of Senate State Administration Committee

Subject: HB-483

Please reference Jennifer Hensley's letter dated March 28, 2011.

It is sad when a simple misunderstanding between Ms. Hensley Tim Fox and I had to be put into a letter to the Committee. Please understand that the handshake agreement Ms. Hensley accused me of a breaking is absolutely false and without foundation. Possibly because Ms. Hensley is new that she does not understand the legislative process we are engaged in and obviously did not understand our agreement hinged on SB422 passing the State Administration Committee. SB 422 failed and the handshake deal to support each other's Bill with amendments was then null and void. This is a common process we have all engaged in and it is regrettable that the new commissioner had to put her misunderstanding in writing and cause this rebuttal. I'm very sorry for this misunderstanding and if she would have set down and talked to me this misunderstanding could have been avoided.

Thanks you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Howard".

Rep. David Howard